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Colonel John G. Eriksen
Directorate of Intelligence
Department of the Air Force
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Col. Eriksen:

As a result of your request of 18 December, 1953, for CIA support in the construction and printing of a series of maps to present the air intelligence data of the Soviet Bloc Air Defenses, a conference was arranged between Mr. Staderman of the Directorate of Intelligence and [REDACTED] of our Cartography Division at which the basic outline of work was agreed upon on 5 January 1954. 25X1A

At this conference, Mr. Staderman stated that the project was to be divided into three phases based on priority of need and classification of data. It is understood that approximately 50 base maps will be needed covering the USSR and the Satellites and that there will be three separate printings of overlay data on each of these bases.

The cartographic rendering of all bases will be uniform. The following agreement was reached in respect to general specifications and procedures:

- a. Construction of approximately 50 bases, 2 plates each (line and water tone). One thousand untrimmed copies of each to be printed.
- b. Blue line composite contact plastic prints (4) of each base to be supplied to the Directorate of Intelligence.
- c. Overlay plates, providing the substantive data for Phase I to be completed by the Directorate of Intelligence, with the assistance of our Cartography Division, as necessary.

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d. Working sheet overlays to be provided by the Directorate of Intelligence for Phase II and Phase III, with our Cartography Division prepared to draft the final overlay plates therefrom.

e. Printing of final maps, utilizing the untrimmed copies of the base maps, to be accomplished by CIA.

There was agreement on the following tentative schedule:

Phase I - all base maps, with blue line composite prints, to be completed by 15 March 1954

Final maps for Phase I to be completed by 15 March 1954

Phase II - final maps for Phase II to be completed in April or May

Phase III - completion date for final maps undetermined and to be mutually agreed upon later.

There have been subsequent discussions between our Cartography Division and Mr. Staderman and we have initiated Phase I. This support will be continued in accordance with the above outline if this is satisfactory to your office. Any adjustment in scheduling or planning may be discussed directly with [REDACTED] of our Cartography Division.

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We are pleased to provide this support, particularly in view of the importance of the work that will result from this project. Mr. Sheldon is aware of these developments and has asked that I reply in his behalf as well as in my own.

Sincerely,

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